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Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

CORRUPTION IN NEW ORLEANS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—According to members of the New Orleans Investigating Committee, who got the formal statement submitted to them by Collector Warmoth, asking definite charges against Collector Casey and others, they took advantage of which to submit to the Committee to test Warmoth's statement, the result of which tended to show that no bad feeling existed in the hands of Casey by the Levee Market Company to secure the passage of a bill for that company through the Legislature. The bill was passed its return, and the demand was complied with. According to the evidence, both Casey and Surveyor Collector Hurwitz were interested in the scheme.

THE INCOME TAX.

On account of the agitation of the question of abolishing the income tax the Internal Revenue Bureau has suspended the issuing of the usual blank forms and forms to Collectors until the present session. To-day, however, upon ascertaining that the majority of the Ways and Means had decided such adverse report upon the bill to abolish the tax, and before the Commissioner had issued the blanks and instructions to be forwarded at once to Collectors. The Committee on Ways and Means had previously determined to report a bill repealing the tax positively, and to the income of revenue from coffee and tea procured such action.

TARIFF BILL.

The Committee is going forward to prepare a tariff bill and the intention now is to provide a duty with on teas and coffee, and then let the House decide between a proportionate reduction of the entire list and total abolition of the duties on the few principal articles.

THE CENTENNIAL CENTER.

Mr. Mercur, of Pennsylvania, to-day moved to suspend the rules and take the tea and coffee bill out of the Committee of the Whole and pass it, which was done. The vote on the question was not divided. Most of the Protectionists and many Revenue Reformers voted in the affirmative, though a number of the latter do not like the steps in which it comes. The action which may be expected from the Senate is indicated by the fact that a bill of exactly similar character was sent to the Senate from the House, nearly a year ago, where it has slept ever since.

TERRITORIAL SCHEME.

Mr. Chaffee, of Colorado, is working busily to get support for his plan of consolidating the territories into States, or with States already existing. He proposes to unite Colorado with Dakota with Nebraska, Utah with Nevada, Washington with Oregon, and Arizona with California. He proposes to leave New Mexico as a Territory and Alaska as a Province.

NORTH CAROLINA SENATORSHIP.

The two members of the Senate Committee who voted in favor of admitting Abbott, were Messrs. Spencer and Rice, and not Morton, as reported.

THE ARMS SALES.

In discussing the legality of the sales of arms made under the act of July, 1868, it was applied to old, damaged or unsuitable ordnance stores, the following paragraph has been called out from Gen Dyer's letter to the Secretary of War, which the latter enclosed to Remington in November last, with the official seal of the Department attached:

"In reply to your question as to quality of arms furnished by the Department, I must state that all material sold was of such as could be condemned as such and fit to be used at once. Those named in the inventory books of the Arsenals as unserviceable were condemned by the several commanders. It was required to be delivered to our own troops when sold. Some of it had been sold and delivered before being received by the United States, and were considered when sold as good and serviceable to arm our own troops.

(To the Associated Press.)

THE NEW YORK CUSTOM HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The New York Custom House Investigation Committee will not meet until Monday next.

DESIRE A HEARING.

Messrs. Hampton, C. C. Clay, and Kershaw, of South Carolina, have reached Washington, to ask a hearing before the Ku-Klux Committee, to be instituted to-day against the charges made by Governor Scott, that they were in active sympathy with the Ku-Klux in that State.

INTERNAL REVENUE APPOINTMENTS.

The following internal revenue appointments were to-day: Assistant Assessors, John H. Roeg, Third District, West Virginia; Wm. H. Warren, Fifth District Iowa. Appraisers, A. A. Anthony, Second Iowa District; Thomas C. King, Sixteenth District, Pennsylvania; Samuel Wardwell, Seventeenth District, Illinois; Wm. H. Stocker, Seventh Indiana District; Miles Ike, First Iowa District; Louis J. Anderson, Fifth Iowa District.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

The Senate, in EXECUTIVE Session to-day, confirmed the following nominations: Charles Hale, of Massachusetts, Assistant Secretary of State; James M. Radcliffe, Assessor of Internal Revenue, Sixth District of Illinois; William F. Gilmore, Collector of Public Moneys at Chillicothe.

NOMINATION.

The President has nominated to the Senate Lot C. Cox, to be Pension Agent at Washington, D. C.

LAND GRANTS TO WESTERN COMPANIES.

It is reported that a majority of the Judiciary Committee will report a resolution referring the question involving the land grants to the Supreme Court. The Central Branch of the Union Pacific, and the St. Joseph & Denver City Railroad Companies back to the Supreme Court of the United States. The Committee of the House did not authorize the Committee to send for persons and papers. The minority will probably be passed in a manner that will be acceptable to the Senate.

THE INCOME TAX.

Mr. Morrill, (Vt.) from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, reported with amendment House bills providing for the erection of public buildings at Albany, N. Y., Hartford, Conn., and Indianapolis, Ind., and for the purchase of a site for a public building at Utica.

Mr. SCOTT, from the Select Committee on Alleged Outrages in the Southern States, reported that nothing is being done in forces in the South section of the Enforcement act of April 20, 1871, until the end of the next regular session of Congress.

Mr. HARLAN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported, with amendments, Mr. POMEROY'S bill for the relief of settlers on the Osage trust lands in Kansas.

Mr. POMEROY, from the Committee on Public Lands, reported with amendments the bill relating to the selection of lands granted to Minnesota by act of 1857, to aid in the improvement of the Mississippi River.

NEW BILLS.

Bills were introduced as follows:

By Mr. CARPENTER. Authorizing the West Wisconsin Railroad Company to construct a railroad from Lake St. Croix at Hudson.

By Mr. PRATT. Authorizing the construction of a railroad bridge across the Ohio at Mt. Vernon.

By Mr. WRIGHT. To provide for a public building at Keokuk, Iowa.

By Mr. ALEX. RANDOLPH. Same.

By Mr. SCOTT presented the majority report of the Ku-Klux Committee.

Mr. LOGAN presented the minority report, and both reports were ordered printed.

SUMNER'S RESOLUTION.

The Senate resumed consideration of the resolution to institute an inquiry into the alleged sales of arms to France during the Franco-Prussian war.

Mr. CONKLING said that five months of this Congress had already passed and the business of the country waited, while a debate for political effect was indulged in. Appropriation bills were made ready for the revision of a tariff which would strike down from the shoulders of industry and relieve the Internal Revenue and debt to a skeleton while the friends of those bills was forced to take part in political debate. But it could be said in his defense that a Senator could not be questioned elsewhere for words uttered in the Senate, and so a Senator could make a foul and speech slandering the Government and his country and then in a false position before the nation, and he might do it either in ignorance or by inadvertence, the last always to be expected of a Senator in the slanderer's vindictiveness. The Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. Sumner), was responsible for this waste of time. He would not have the investigation, he would have Cobden, he had himself asked when he introduced this resolution that it should lie over, but this fact had not prevented the Senate from slander.

Mr. CONKLING sent up and had read at the desk a statement in the New York *Tribune*, that the partisans of the President in the Senate had tried to delay the pending resolution, which, he said, showed the violence done to truth in a base and truthless crusade for political effect. The Senator (Mr. Sumner) had stated that his resolution and speech on this subject were not intended for political effect. What, then, was their object? Was it to prejudge the case, or to assist France and French claim agents in prosecuting claims against American merchants, or to engender suspicion and arouse resentment against the Executive officers of our Government; or was it to convince the Germans of America that high Republican officials had clutched French blood-money in a war in which the heart of the whole Republican party beat for Germany, or to convict us before the world as false to national morals; to befoul us in the eyes of Christendom, and to say to England and Germany at this time, when Germany's Emperor is to sit as arbiter in the rights of nations, that the Republic (America was more guilty and perfidious than England ever was.

At this point Mr. Conkling read an editorial from the New York *World*, and one from the *Sun*, to show that the impression made on the public by the resolution and speeches of Mr. Sumner and Mr. Schurz was that there had been a deliberate violation of neutral obligations by the United States. The Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. Sumner) had said that he had known of this affair as early as December last, but that he had not informed anybody that he was going to act in reference to it until he did act. In view of this statement he (Conkling) thought it very strange that the newspapers in Boston, Cincinnati, and Chicago should have announced beforehand what action the Senator was to take. Further, it was unaccountable that Mr. Sumner, having known of this matter since December, should have omitted to take steps to ascertain the truth of the statements which he put into his preamble. That preamble contained the statement that the report of the Secretary of the Treasury for 1870 and 1871 acknowledged the receipt of only $8,828, 361 from the sale of ordnance stores. The statement was false, and the Senator might easily have ascertained the fact by consulting the Secretary of the Treasury, his constituent, or even a clerk in the Department. He (Conkling) was authorized to state that no such inquiry had been made. The Senator (Mr. Sumner) had also cited an Associated Press despatch as authority for contradicting the report of the Secretary of War on this subject. What would the Senate and country think when they were told that the despatch referred to did not contradict this report at all, and that it did not, as represented by Mr. Sumner, say that sales were made of arms condemned as unfit for service, and omitted in the Secretary's subsequent reports, but merely that bids were opened. It was asserted, too, that the French official referred to spoke of arms bought of or from the United States. Now a translation of this report was published in the New York *Sun* of July 12, 1871, which might be presumed to be correct, because whatever might be said of the characteristics of the editor of the *Sun* he was known to be an accomplished linguist, and, in that translation, no mention was made of arms bought of the United States. It spoke only of arms bought in the United States.

Mr. CONKLING then said he wished to say a word to the Senator from Missouri (Mr. Schurz). The honorable Senator has divulged to the Republican parties to which this body that there is an impression abroad that somewhere in this country there exists a military ring, which exerts an influence dangerous, corrupt, and dangerous influence on this Administration. The people of this country that I meet, Mr. President, regard that talk as part of the slang and scandal that defile political salines, or more properly speaking, a Senatorial cabal; that the business of this cabal is not to furnish ammunition to the Democratic party, and it is believed, Mr. President, that men flying the Republican flag are trying to strand the Republican ship. It is believed that the business of this cabal is to assail and disparage the President of the United States, to disparage and belittle him, to assail his administration, to watch for opportunities, or, in the language of the Good Book, "to lurk privily" for opportunities to place him in injurious and vulnerable positions. It believed that the business of this cabal is to assail and disparage the majority in this body and in Congress, and to injure the party charged with the responsibility of public affairs. It is believed that this cabal aids to inspire the snow-storm of libels and misrepresentations which travel over the whole face of the land, and are published in countless newspapers. It is believed that persons connected with this cabal are inflicting wounds on the Republican party which no Democrat has the power to inflict. This impression waxes apace. It is strong, very strong, just now, in the State of New Hampshire. There is reason for it in New Hampshire. An election impends there, and the politicians tell us that whether the Administration shall stand or fall is of importance, as it shall cast light or shadow on the coming Presidential nomination or election. In the minds of many in New Hampshire, in newspaper speeches of this Senatorial cabal command there an attention which could not be gained by all the utterances of the Democratic sages from Jefferson to my honorable friend from Missouri (Mr. Blair). Even the Brodhead letter is not so great a favorite now as another document which I hold in my hand. (Laughter.) It is a pamphlet of twenty-four closely-printed pages, and it is entitled "Plain Language of Independent Republicanism Delineating and Proffering Its Exposé." It contains the speeches of a number of Senators, first of all, that of the honorable Senator from Missouri (Mr. Schurz). The pamphlet bears this information: "Published by the National Democratic Executive Resident Committee, Washington, D. C." These speeches appear without note or comment. There is no gilding the gold, no painting the lily. (Laughter.) Those who send out the pamphlet that if they have the controversy with England pending, knowing that the Russian dispute is pending, knowing that the German Emperor is umpire in one of these controversies, it may be that he, who, upon a groundless, improvident pretense arrogates the dignity and honor of his Government before the world, and shows it with a breach of neutral obligations and with offences more aggravated than those we lay at Great Britain's door, who feeds on with a foreign Government or agents or officers thereof is too clear to doubt. Whether it has been done with the intent denounced in the statute, let all see. It is enough for me to point among others. It is enough that the Alabama claims, which, knowing that the Alabama

THE COUNCIL.

Proposition from the German American Bank of New York to Loan $5,000,000 for Rebuilding Purposes.

Pay of Sanitary Police---Condition of City Finances---Authority Given to Borrow Money.

Ordinance for the Admission of New Railroads Into the City.

The Right of Brickbat Petition---Report on the Proposed Sale of the Lake Front.

Validity of the Ira Judd-Millman Swap Questioned---Reduction of Salaries.

A regular meeting of the Common Council was held last evening. The hour of meeting arrived nearly a quarter of an hour in advance of a quorum. It was generally hoped (among such persons as are apt to indulge in fallacious speculations) that the quorum never would arrive, but persistent waiting on the part of General Hotchkiss finally brought about that undesirable result. President McAvoy occupied the chair. There were also present the following Aldermen: Bowen, Otis, Cleey, McGrath, Thompson, Dunn, Ryan, Brown, Schmitt, Tracy, Hickey, Culleton, Baily, Clowry, Bateham, Powell, Holden, Bond, Wicbeck, Heath, Gardner, Sherwood, Gill, Cleveland, Buehler, McGrath, Schmidt, Stout, Schaffner, Lehmacher, McCaffrey, Carney, Clarke, Ogden, Busse, Woodman.

VACATING QUINCY STREET.

Ald. McGenaiss presented a petition asking for the vacation of Quincy street from Dearborn to Clark streets, which was referred.

A SINGULAR PROPOSITION.

Ald. Thompson presented the following communication from Emil Lauer, President of the German American Bank, and Anson Sontag.

GENTLEMEN: The undersigned, officers of the German American Bank, of New York, and Anton Sontag, do hereby most respectfully submit to your Honorable Body the following proposition: The citizens of Chicago, being real estate owners in the burnt district, be authorized to issue bonds to the amount of $5,000,000, to be loaned only to parties residing in the burnt district in said city, for the term of five or ten years, with the privilege of repaying the loan on 30 per cent, payable semi-annually. Loans to be made upon the first mortgage of such real estate, and the few persons who may be injured by the route adopted after receiving compensation for the damages done them, should give way to the general public interests in the premises.

The following is the ordinance:

WHEREAS, It is intended by the Common Council of the city of Chicago, that permission and authority be, and the same are, given and granted unto the Lake & Atlantic Railroad Company to lay down and maintain, and operate one or more railroad tracks along and upon the following named and described streets in the city of Chicago, to wit: Commencing at the western city limits, adjacent to the right of way of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company, thence as near as practicable to the south line of Chicago, thence on the said Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Company's right of way and tracks to Robecca street, thence on the south half of Robecca street, thence on the south half of Sangamon street, thence on the east end of Robecca street, thence to Meighor street, thence on the south half of Meighor street to the east alleys between Johnston and Halsted streets, running on a line nearly due west Meighor street, crossing Meighor street, Ada street, Morgan street, thence north in Stewart avenue and Beach street to Stanton street; also to and across the South Branch of the Chicago River, and to the north line of Kinzie street; also to and across the South Branch of the Chicago River, on any property which they may acquire by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, lying and being between the said Beach street and the said Kinzie street, on the east side of the South Branch of the Chicago River, on any property which they may acquire by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, lying and being between the said Beach street and the said Kinzie street, on the west side of the South Branch of the Chicago River, thence on the east side of the South Branch of the Chicago River, on any property which they may acquire by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, to the north line of Kinzie street, thence as far north as Adams street and west of Market street, *provided*, that said company shall build a viaduct over their tracks across East and West Huron street, and also viaducts over their tracks which may hereafter be ordered to be built by the Board of Public Works of the city of Chicago; and, *provided further*, that upon such portion of said Beach street and said Kinzie street, on said west side, no rails shall be laid whilst that portion of said Beach street and said Kinzie street, on said west side, is occupied by the horse railroad company now in the city of Chicago; and *provided further*, that in lieu of the rights and privileges hereby granted to and accorded to the Chicago River, and on the property of the said company, at its discretion, may continue their said tracks across West Harrison street, north on the east of the tracks of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad Company, on any property they may acquire by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, to West Adams street.

SEC. 2. The said railroad company may lay down and all streets and alleys and railroad tracks, upon, and along the line of its said route, and compact bed between the outside rails and the inside rails of said city, in the construction of the said tracks, and keep the same in repair at so much of said streets, alleys, and crossings as may be occupied by said railroad company, with its tracks, switches, and turnouts.

SEC. 3. The said railroad company may, and it is hereby authorized to lay down, maintain, and operate one or more railroad tracks across any street, alley, or railroad track, which it may cross in the construction of the said tracks, and to connect the same with the tracks of any railroad company, with its tracks, switches, and turnouts as it shall deem necessary, and to operate any railroad company upon the line of said route, or said streets, or between the same, either by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise.

SEC. 4. The said railroad Company may use and operate said railroad in connection of its railroad authorities to be laid west of the South Branch of the Chicago River, with locomotive engines to be used with horse and other animal power as it shall deem proper, subject to all ordinances of the city of Chicago applicable to railroads similarly situated. It may also operate all of that portion of its tracks as aforesaid, which South Branch of the Chicago River, with passenger cars to be drawn only by horse or other power.

SEC. 5. The said railroad company shall have the right and is hereby authorized, on its route west of the South Branch of the Chicago River, to elevate its tracks, to bridge the cross streets over said tracks, and to depress any street or alley, or railroad track, and to cross over or under them as to such grade as it may deem necessary to secure quick transit, all of said work to be performed under contracts and under the direction of the Board of Public Works of the city of Chicago, and all bridges when erected, with the approaches thereto, shall belong to, and be kept in repair by, the city of Chicago. Convenient crossings shall be made and maintained by said company where said tracks or tracks cross any street, alley within and city according to the direction of the Board of Public Works of said city; and said company shall erect viaducts over all said streets and railroad tracks, and the same shall be crossed by its said tracks, where, and as the said Board of Public Works may, from time to time, require, provided, however, that said company shall not be required to erect more than two of such viaducts in any one year, and that where any viaduct shall be built at any such crossing without the same below, but over the track or tracks of some other railway company or companies, the said company shall only be obliged to join with such other last mentioned railroad company or companies, and to pay its fair proportion of the cost of such viaduct or viaducts. All such viaducts to be erected hereunder shall be approximately of the same manner as said Board of Public Works may require.

SEC. 6. Said railroad company shall be subject to all general laws and ordinances of the Common Council of said city in relation to railroads.

SEC. 7. The privilege and authority hereby granted upon the express condition, that the LaSalle & Atlantic Railroad Company shall operate its horse railroad companies, not exceeding two in number, which have not at present any right of entrance into the city of Chicago, and which may be granted the right of the use of the said tracks hereby authorized to be laid on the streets within said city, to use the said tracks hereby authorized to be laid on the streets respectively herein named by any and all other railroad companies now in the city of Chicago, and the Chicago & Lake Michigan Railroad Company, and the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company, at its discretion, and upon the payment of such reasonable compensation therefor as may be agreed upon between the said LaSalle & Atlantic Railroad Company, and the said other railroad companies, or as may be determined by arbitration, as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 8. The said railroad company may acquire by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, such depots suitable to the wants and demands of said city; and also an ordinance on the same subject was introduced by Ald. Bailey, having carefully considered the same, reported that they had learned from reliable authority that the city is enjoined from doing anything in the way of condemning contemplated, and recommended that the resolutions and the ordinance be placed on file.

The report was concurred in.

THE IRA JUDD TRACT.

The same Committee, to whom was referred a resolution of Ald. Holden, in relation to the validity of the sale of the Ira Judd tract (at the corner of North LaSalle street and North avenue), in exchange for some ground known as the Millman tract, submitted a lengthy report in relation to the title of the land, and recommended the passage of the following:

Resolved, That the claims of this Council be, and are hereby rejected by it, and that it be instructed by a proper adjudication of the right of the Council to tax the property without question, or delay, and to maintain at the State's Attorney to such violation of the law.

The resolution was then unanimously adopted.

ENGINE HOUSE ON BLUE ISLAND AVENUE.

The Committee on Fire and Water, to whom was referred the communication of Ald. Bateham, suggesting the purchase of a lot for an engine house on Blue Island avenue, near Polk street, and Twelfth streets, recommended its reference to the Board of Police Commissioners. Concurred in.

CHIMNEY SWEEPING.

The Committee on Building and Public Grounds, to whom was referred an ordinance in relation to chimney sweeping, reported back the same, with a substitute, which was adopted.

The report was laid over.

THE WEST SIDE WATER WORKS.

Ald. Holden asked why a report had not been made by the Committee on Fire and Water in relation to the purchase of a lot on the West Side for a pumping works.

Ald. McGenaiss said a report would be made next Monday night.

ORDINANCES.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, S. D., reported recommending the passage of an ordinance for a side walk on the east side of Market street, from Madison street to Monroe. Passed.

For an ordinance for the grade of the south line of Michigan avenue and River streets. Passed.

Same Committee, to whom was referred a petition for a side walk on the west side of Market street to Randolph, reported recommending its reference to the Board of Public Works to prepare an ordinance authorizing the same. Adopted.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, N. D., to whom was referred an ordinance establishing the grade on Michigan avenue from Wells street to Clark street, reported, recommending its passage, and it was passed.

The Committee on Streets and Alleys, W. D., to whom was referred an ordinance concerning the Indiana, Chicago & Indiana Central Railway (heretofore published), reported, recommending its passage.

In consideration was made the special order for 8 o'clock Monday week.

The same Committee, to whom was referred ordinances for a sidewalk on Meighowitz street, from Kenbem street to Ridgeville road, on Indiana street, from Noble to Paulina street, reported, recommending their passage. They were made.

PERMISSION GRANTED.

The same Committee, to whom was referred the petition of James Forsyth & Co., asking permission to use a portion of the sidewalk on the corner of West Lake and Union streets, reported, recommending that the prayer be granted. The report was concurred in.

SIXTEENTH STREET VIADUCT.

The same Committee, to whom was referred an order in relation to the erect on of a viaduct over the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and Chicago & Northwestern Railroad crossings at Sixteenth street, reported an ordinance authorizing its erection. It was laid over.

THE RIGHT OF WAY ON FRONT QUINCY.

The Committee on Wharves and Public Grounds, to whom was referred a communication and resolution of Ald. Alderman McAvoy was referred that the Mayor, Comptroller, and Corporation Counsel be instructed to enter into negotiations with the Chicago Central, Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Michigan Central Railroads for the sale and transfer of that portion of the three feet of the public ground on Lake front and east of Michigan avenue, upon the condition that the said companies proceed at once to erect thereon depots and passenger

ST. LOUIS.

The River Again Frozen---Building for the National Saengerfest.

Poplar Street and the Missouri Pacific Railroad---Justice Jecko.

Through the Ice---An Art Society---Railroad Ticket Agents---"The Future Great City"---Business.

Correspondence of The Chicago Tribune.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 16.

ANOTHER FREEZE.

On Sunday morning the steamboatmen woke up to find all their pleasant Saturday night anticipations of an open river and renewed business frozen up,—not to say sunk several degrees below zero. The thaw of the previous few days had only made the fresh freeze tighter and more solid; and all their labor and expense in cutting the ice from around their boats, and other preparations for a resumption of business, have been suddenly suspended and "postponed on account of weather."

NATIONAL SAENGERFEST.

The "National Saengerfest Association of St. Louis" have advertised for proposals for the erection of the building in which to hold the great musical festival in June next. The Music Hall will be located on the block bounded by Eleventh and Twelfth streets, and Washington avenue and St. Charles street, and will have a front of 234 feet on Washington avenue, by a depth of 350 feet. It is to contain a sitting room for 15,000 persons. It is to contain 4,000 singers, with an orchestra and platform for 1,000 musicians. Before Philadelphia was selected as the place for holding the Republican Nominating Convention, it was hoped here that St. Louis would secure it; though in view of the somewhat peculiar relation between the Administration and Missouri there never could have been any well-founded expectations that such hopes could be realized. But, in that case, more general aid would have been extended to the Saengerfest in the construction of their building, with a view to the Convention being attended and accommodated therein. When the German singists of the Union meet here in Musical Congress, the feast of music, and the flow of lager beer will be gloriously illustrated.

A TRAGEDY.

Among the "real estate transfers" recorded here on the 13th, was that of "M. K. Jesup to the St. Louis, Kansas City & Northern Railroad, of every part and parcel of the North Missouri Railroad; also, West Branch of said road, beginning at Moberly, and extending to a point opposite Kansas City, with appurtenances; also, 3,500 shares of capital stock of St. Charles Bridge Company, etc.,"—together with two lots of ground in St. Louis,—all for and in consideration of $1.

POPLAR STREET AGAIN.

The use of Poplar street by the Missouri Pacific Railroad, for the purpose of reaching the river and elevator, has again commenced, though no formal arrangement has yet been entered into between the road and the City Council. The Council have given permission permitting the use of the street, under certain conditions, and, without signifying their acceptance of the conditions, the road began using the street, which probably is tantamount to a more formal acquisition. In the meantime, for a more permanent relief, an ordinance has been passed authorizing the road to lay and maintain a track through South St. Louis to the river, unlimited as to time, and with few or no oppressive restrictions. Before another winter, this route will be in operation.

The blockade of the river, and virtual suspension of transfer, have filled every sidetrack for fifty miles, on some of the roads terminating at East St. Louis, with cars loaded with produce. The expense of this delay and the accidental idleness of the cars, which are scarce and needed, is another among a thousand things which show of how much value to St. Louis the bridge will be when completed.

JECKO.

There is here one Justice Jecko, who is locally noted as the friend in need of all amorous couples who are compelled, for various reasons, to seek speedy aid in forging the connecting links of love, and being driven by stress of unpropitious gales, parental or otherwise, to call aboard a sure and experienced pilot, look to Jecko as their guide to prove a haven of matrimony. Outside the letter of the law in observance, amiable Jecko will not say them nay, and many a couple have to thank his cheerful alacrity in tieing that silken knot that mocks the "stern decrees" arriving by telegraph in the too late. Not long since a couple from the "Celestial Kingdom of the Flowery Land," applied to him to make one their two writhing hearts, all in same Mellican man fashion"; but as his Jecko's broken China failed to elicit from them whether they understood the subject in all its legal and moral bearings sufficiently well to be pronounced, the quailing Young Hyson and the gentle Bohea were compelled to depart, no doubt with a contempt for Mellican ideas in this direction, without achieving their souls' desire. But the establishment of a new laundry by the pair convinces us that they have found some means, legal and moral, or otherwise,—probably the latter,—to attain their ends, and "wash their troubles" while washing their starching and ironing those belonging to the "outside barbarians."

THROUGH THE ICE.

Within the last two or three days, several accidents have happened on the ice, over which heavy loaded teams have been crossing, by wagons breaking through. Fortunately, so far, no lives have been lost, and even the horses have been rescued, but the wagons and their loads have gone to the bottom. The current of the river is so irregular, being full of eddies, boils, and other disturbances to the smooth, equable flow, that the ice is, in consequence, very unequal in thickness, and to attempt the hauling of a wagon loaded with 2,000 pounds or more over it, is a dangerous experiment. But the necessities of business of large demand, the single ferry-way open is so inadequate to the requirements, and the ice offers such a tempting relief, that its treacherous bridge will be availed of so long as it remains, and perhaps, will yet involve the sacrifice of life.

The Vulcan Iron Works, at South St. Louis, are determined not to be compelled to cease operations on account of the ice stopping the supply of coal. So they have commenced bringing coal by the Iron Mountain Railroad, from Sulphur Springs, twenty-five miles below here, at the foot of the gorge, where there is quantity on flat-boats, ice-bound on their way here.

The late thaw and breaking up of the ice have caused damage to steamboats and cargoes to the amount of $300,000, and, probably, all the losses on this account have not yet been reported. In the twenty-mile gorge recently extending from Cairo, Ill., to Columbus, Ky., some $2,000,000 of steamboat property was locked up and jeopardized in the break-up. Fortunately, none of the imprisoned boats were seriously injured, and all have been released.

ST. LOUIS ART SOCIETY.

An organization under the above title has been perfected here, for the encouragement and diffusion of art. Mr. Conrad Diehl, late of your city, has proposed to his friends the formation of "Macbeth," which formerly graced the Crosby Opera House collection, as a nucleus for the gallery of the new society. Mr. Diehl has been appointed Curator of the proposed collection.

TICKET AGENTS' CONVENTION.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

The great distance between the new "Four Courts" building and the Court House and centre of the city, causes the lawyers and others interested to clamor for some public conveyance between those points.

A movement is on foot here to establish an Ophthalmic and Aural Hospital for the gratuitous treatment of diseases of the eye and ear.

A "Clerks' Savings Bank," with a capital of $1,000,000, is under consideration.

The "St. Louis Poultry Association" announce its first annual exhibition at Mercantile Library Hall, for the 26th inst.

Theatrical business here is bad—principally on account of the weather, and the wife condition of the streets.

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THE CHICAGO RELIEF BILL.

Senator Trumbull's Reply to Senators Ferry and Carpenter.

From the Globe.

MR. TRUMBULL. I was going to say a word, and I can assure my friend from Pennsylvania that I will not occupy more than five or six minutes.

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Now do the people of Michigan want to speculate on the misfortunes of these people whose buildings were burned up in this fire? Lumber went up, as my colleague has shown to you, several dollars a thousand. Brick, I was interrogated, advanced after this fire, in the city of Chicago, not to exceed, I suppose, the city of New York, not elsewhere, but in the city of Chicago brick advanced from eight to sixteen dollars a thousand, double in price. Why? By reason of the large demand. What created the large demand? The great fire. Now, the question is, shall these people whose buildings were consumed be required to pay double for the bricks with which to re-erect them, and double for the lumber, because of the extraordinary demand caused by the fire? This is all there is to this bill. And is it liberal or just on the part of a few manufacturers in the country, who are engaged in the manufacture of such materials as are used in the construction of buildings, for them to insist that they shall have increased prices by reason of this calamity? That is all we ask, that they shall not exact their lumber and their brick and their iron at the prices that they would have set them but for this calamity, because the demand will be precisely as great in the country for this lumber, material as it would have been if there had been no fire.

But my friend from Wisconsin seems to be troubled lest it is unconstitutional, and he has just received from Michigan farthest from me (Mr. Ferry) a speech of a loss of $20,000,000, loss of $20,000,000 to whom? How is any loss of $20,000,000 to be incurred by anybody? It is no loss unless that is counted as a loss which speculators put upon the misfortunes of others suppose they will make. In the meantime, for a more permanent relief, an ordinance has been passed authorizing the road to lay and maintain a track through South St. Louis to the river, unlimited as to time, and with few or no oppressive restrictions. Before another winter, this route will be in operation.

Now, I understand the river, and virtual suspension of transfer, have filled every sidetrack for fifty miles, on some of the roads terminating at East St. Louis, with cars loaded with produce. The expense of this delay and the accidental idleness of the cars, which are scarce and needed, is another among a thousand things which show of how much value to St. Louis the bridge will be when completed.

JECKO.

There is here one Justice Jecko, who is locally noted as the friend in need of all amorous couples who are compelled, for various reasons, to seek speedy aid in forging the connecting links of love, and being driven by stress of unpropitious gales, parental or otherwise, to call aboard a sure and experienced pilot, look to Jecko as their guide to prove a haven of matrimony. Outside the letter of the law in observance, amiable Jecko will not say them nay, and many a couple have to thank his cheerful alacrity in tieing that silken knot that mocks the "stern decrees" arriving by telegraph in the too late. Not long since a couple from the "Celestial Kingdom of the Flowery Land," applied to him to make one their two writhing hearts, all in same Mellican man fashion"; but as his Jecko's broken China failed to elicit from them whether they understood the subject in all its legal and moral bearings sufficiently well to be pronounced, the quailing Young Hyson and the gentle Bohea were compelled to depart, no doubt with a contempt for Mellican ideas in this direction, without achieving their souls' desire. But the establishment of a new laundry by the pair convinces us that they have found some means, legal and moral, or otherwise,—probably the latter,—to attain their ends, and "wash their troubles" while washing their starching and ironing those belonging to the "outside barbarians."

THROUGH THE ICE.

Within the last two or three days, several accidents have happened on the ice, over which heavy loaded teams have been crossing, by wagons breaking through. Fortunately, so far, no lives have been lost, and even the horses have been rescued, but the wagons and their loads have gone to the bottom. The current of the river is so irregular, being full of eddies, boils, and other disturbances to the smooth, equable flow, that the ice is, in consequence, very unequal in thickness, and to attempt the hauling of a wagon loaded with 2,000 pounds or more over it, is a dangerous experiment. But the necessities of business of large demand, the single ferry-way open is so inadequate to the requirements, and the ice offers such a tempting relief, that its treacherous bridge will be availed of so long as it remains, and perhaps, will yet involve the sacrifice of life.

The Vulcan Iron Works, at South St. Louis, are determined not to be compelled to cease operations on account of the ice stopping the supply of coal. So they have commenced bringing coal by the Iron Mountain Railroad, from Sulphur Springs, twenty-five miles below here, at the foot of the gorge, where there is quantity on flat-boats, ice-bound on their way here.

The late thaw and breaking up of the ice have caused damage to steamboats and cargoes to the amount of $300,000, and, probably, all the losses on this account have not yet been reported. In the twenty-mile gorge recently extending from Cairo, Ill., to Columbus, Ky., some $2,000,000 of steamboat property was locked up and jeopardized in the break-up. Fortunately, none of the imprisoned boats were seriously injured, and all have been released.

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MONDAY EVENING, Feb. 19.

There appears to be a small cloud in the financial horizon. Whether or not anything serious will come out of it is difficult to determine yet.

The Eastern financial and commercial publications have discovered "all of a sudden" that the banks of all the Eastern cities are unusually expanded. It seems not improbable that this discovery has been to some extent the result of the endeavor to find arguments against the bill of Senator Sherman, which has passed the Senate and is now before the House, for the retirement of $2,000,000 of 3 per cent certificates each month, in addition to the monthly retirement provided for in the act of July 14, 1870.

But be this as it may, we give below the figures which do undoubtedly show a much more expanded condition of the banks of the Eastern cities at present than at the corresponding season of last year. It is claimed that the banks have been lending too much, that in the three cities of New York, Boston, and Philadelphia the aggregate of deposit liabilities is $60,000,000 higher, and that the aggregate legal tender reserve is $18,000,000 less, than at this time last year, viz.:

LEGAL TENDERS.

	1872.	1871.
New York	$46,500,000	$55,700,000
Boston	7,900,000	12,700,000
Philadelphia	11,300,000	13,500,000
Total three cities	$65,800,000	$81,900,000
DEPOSIT LIABILITIES EXCLUSIVE OF RESERVE.		
New York	$240,300,000	$245,300,000
Boston	75,700,000	72,500,000
Philadelphia	53,600,000	51,300,000
Total three cities	$370,000,000	$369,300,000

In the city of New York the situation is given more in detail as follows:

	Feb. 10, '72.	Feb. 11, '71.
Deposits	$221,000,000	$214,000,000
Circulation	18,200,000	21,300,000
Total dem. liabilities	$249,300,000	$245,300,000
Reserve required	$62,300,000	$61,450,000
Specie	$21,300,000	$35,700,000
Legal tenders	46,500,000	55,700,000
Actual reserve	$67,800,000	$91,400,000
Surplus over legal reserve	$5,500,000	$29,950,000

It appears from the above that the surplus of loanable funds over the required legal reserve was $14,350,000 lower at the date of their last weekly statements than at the corresponding time of last year.

In addition to the foregoing, the *London Economist* of the 27th ult., and other English journals, are quoted as predicting a rise in the bank rate of discount before long. The *Economist* says that the cessation of the drain of gold from the general trade for accommodation, the numerous foreign loans lately negotiated in London, and the fact that a crowd of bill brokers, who are operating together to cause a drain of funds from that market and bring about a crisis, etc., etc. These causes appear to us as groundless. The financial affairs can be so easily "figured up," and do, of themselves, so readily disappear, especially when they are foreseen a long time, that we do not accept it as certain that any positive stringency, or pinch, for money in American markets will grow out of the aspect shown above. Nevertheless, the situation merits careful, thoughtful consideration of all who are preparing for the most favorable spread of said during the next month or two.

INFLATION SCHEMES OF THE NEW YORK CLEARING ASSOCIATION.

It is a fact worthy of notice that while the bill for the retirement of $2,000,000 of 3 per cent certificates is pending in Congress, and is being opposed there by the seventy or eighty National Bank Presidents who are members of the House, and who are endeavoring to have it turned over to the Committee of Banking and Currency, so as to defeat it by adding other provisions which they know will make the whole bill unpopular with the House, that a project is on foot in New York are asking that the Sub-Treasury of that city may be authorized to issue certificates, bearing 3-65 interest, to the amount of from 5 to 7 millions which the banks may make in the Sub-Treasury for "safe-keeping."

The reasons for retiring the 3 per cents is easy to understand. The banks hold them as reserve, and thus get 2 per cent interest from the Government for keeping Uncle Sam's funds, which become nominally a loan to the Government.

But the demand of the New York bankers for Treasury certificates to be deposit of greenbacks, even if they have to take the certificates without interest, arises from another cause: In the resolutions adopted by the New York Clearing House in this connection, it was said that "with the incessant handling and counting of these large amounts of Legal Tender notes, and the payment to and from the Clearing House, there is daily great risk and inconvenience. The Clearing House Committee were therefore instructed to apply to the Government at Washington for the introduction of a bill providing that the Sub Treasury shall issue certificates of the denomination of $5,000 and $10,000, for such amount as money the same as Legal Tender notes, to be without interest, payable on demand, and to be issued only to the members of the daily balances at the Clearing House, and for payment into the Sub Treasury."

And now, in addition to the foregoing, it is being suggested in some quarters, that instead of bearing no interest, as the new certificates should bear 3 per cent interest, and the amount of new 3 per cents to be issued under a law not should not be limited to any specified amount. It is also claimed that it will be easy to get an opposition to Sherman's bill now pending for the retirement of $2,000,000 per month of the certificates by one outside of the Clearing House Committee will show that it means that and of $2,000,000 per month retirement proposed by Sherman's bill, it is understood, is to be accomplished with surplus revenue, and not by the issue of any particular greenbacks supposed to be now in the Treasury, because the Secretary has no such contraction to the extent of the retirement of the 3 per cents. The present certificates are in fact only *nominal* certificates of the deposit of greenbacks, and the greenbacks that were deposited for these certificates were immediately paid out again, and the certificates became, in fact, only a means of an inflation of the volume of the currency to just the extent that they were issued. The issue of new certificates to deposit the greenbacks, whether they bear interest or not, will be just that much inflation of the currency, unless the new certificates are issued as a *special deposit*, and unless the identical notes deposited are locked up and not paid out by the Treasury except upon the surrender of the certificates.

IN THE LOCAL MONEY MARKET

business continues rather quiet, though the demand for accommodation is fully equal to the supply. More call from the country for currency to-day, and considerable amounts were sent out along the various lines of railroad. The tone of rates is firm for grain-raising sections, and is presumed to be for the marketing of grain.

Country bank balances here are declining, as the funds are being distributed to be used up in grain now accumulating at the interior stations to await the opening of navigation.

Gold opened at 111¼ and closed at 111¾ per $1,000 discount. At the counter, bankers sell at par and buy at 1-10 discount.

Government bonds are selling. Government bonds and local stocks in this market this afternoon are furnished by Messrs. Lunt, Preston & Kean, as follows:

	Buying.	*Selling.*
U. S. 6s of '81	115	115¼
U. S. 5-20s of '62	110½	111
U. S. 5-20s of '64	110	110¼
U. S. 5-20s of '65	110	111
U. S. 5-20s of '65, Jan. and July	110½	111
U. S. 5-20s of '67, Jan. and July	111	111½
U. S. 5-20s of '68, Jan. and July	112	112½
10-40s	110	110¾
U. S. currency 6's	120	120½
U. S. new 5 per cents	109¾	
Northern Pacific gold 7-30s	100 & int.	
Chicago 7s	100	
Cook County 7s	100	
Gold Exchange	110¾	
Sterling Exchange	109½	110
Gold and Gold Compounds	109¾	110
Land Warrants, 160s	178	183
Land Warrants, 120s	132	142
Agricultural College Land Scrip	173	176

LATEST.

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TO THE OPPONENTS OF THE CHICAGO RELIEF BILL.

We confess that we are at a loss to understand the spirit of determined opposition to the Chicago Relief bill which prevails in Wisconsin and Michigan, and in the cities of Cincinnati, St. Louis, Detroit, and Milwaukee. The Wisconsin Legislature, after instructing its Senators in Congress to obtain like relief for the districts burned over in that State last fall, turns round and instructs them to vote against the relief for Chicago. The cities enumerated above are still more violent in their opposition, and can apparently see nothing in the bill but prejudice to themselves; while the two States mentioned seem to fear that certain special interests are to be sacrificed and ultimately ruined by the remission of taxes on a few acres of ground in Chicago. The bill was drawn up in no such spirit. It was prompted by no such feeling of rivalry; for, when the October fire in one short night undid the work of thirty long years, all rivalry was dropped, and Chicago sought only her own rescue from utter ruin by the nearest help of which she could avail herself, in which she was nobly aided by the contributions from the generous people of these cities. No element of prejudice to the special interests of any person actuated the framers of the Relief bill, and none now exists.

And what is it that Chicago asks? Simply that she shall not be compelled to pay those taxes a second time which she has already once paid; simply that the Government, having once collected the duties on our building material which had already been used, and on the material in store which had never been used, shall not collect them again when we are trying to replace that material; simply that the owners of property in the burned district,—not in the unburned parts of the city, or a limited space of time, so limited that only a small part of that district can be rebuilt, shall have the encouragement and the assistance to reconstruct their business structures and their homes; simply that the same aid which has before been granted ungrudgingly, where the need was comparatively insignificant, shall be granted to us where needs are overwhelming. There is no spirit of rivalry in this. In the race for commercial supremacy we ask for a fair field for all comers, and that no adventitious obstacles shall be placed in our own way. We concede what Detroit, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, and St. Louis have accomplished, and we bespeak for them a still greater measure of prosperity in the future. In this race we are temporarily crippled, and all that we ask is, that we may be helped to our feet again, not by delaying those cities in their onward course, but by a relief from a burden which cannot harm them, but can help us.

We appeal to these cities, therefore, to cease their opposition to a measure which in no wise prejudices them, and we appeal to the Legislative Assembly of Wisconsin in like manner. The evils in prospect, which they fancy are impending over certain lumber interests, are evils of the imagination purely. The influence of this relief on lumber will be as insignificant as the disturbance made by a pebble thrown into the ocean. Chicago must always look to the Northern pineries for her lumber, as she has in the past, and is their best customer, and is herself directly interested in them. Out of the $10,000,000 worth of lumber imported into the United States annually from Canada, she only takes about $50,000, and, leaving out of this estimate black walnut and heavy lumber, virtually nothing. New York and New England are the patrons of Canada, Chicago the patron of Wisconsin and Michigan; and, with the duties on or off, she must look to these States for her lumber. It only needs a second sober thought, and careful examination of the real scope of the bill, to see that it works no prejudice to the lumber interests of these States. The Peshtigo Company, which controls the largest interest in Wisconsin, and which was the heaviest sufferer by the great forest fires of October last, has petitioned for the remission of duties. Ladington, Wells & Van Schaick, the next largest Wisconsin firm, has also petitioned Congress to pass the bill; and there is not a lumber firm in the city of Chicago to-day which is not also in favor of its passage. If, therefore, these firms, which control the lumber regions, and own the capital invested in mills and other property, are in favor of its passage, and fear no harm to themselves, we see no special reason why their friends in the Legislature of Wisconsin should be alarmed. And as we have called upon the cities, so we call upon these States to cease their opposition, and allow Chicago to replace without a new tax that which she has lost by fire, and upon which she had once paid all lawful taxes. It must be remembered that the citizens of Chicago are not the only interested parties. Our property is owned abroad, as well as at home, and the benefits of this rebate will be distributed broadcast,—not only among Eastern capitalists, but even in those very Western cities which have heretofore opposed the bill.

THE BURNT REGGEDS BILL.

This bill is made the special order for to-morrow at Springfield. Without endorsing any particular bill, we would say that the best bill will be that which is briefest, clearest, and makes the fewest possible alterations in existing laws consistent with the end sought, viz.: to give the Courts power to decree the actual condition of the title on all the evidence now attainable. We have seen a number of proposed bills so unskillfully drawn, reiterating so much that is mere general principles, or already law, or that simply directs the Judges to do that which common law and common sense would alike compel them to do, that the reading of them is like wading through bushels of chaff for a kernel of grain.

The nub and gist of the matter is to empower any one who claims to be owner to obtain from the Court a decree as to whether he is or is not, and what is the state of his title, by first giving due notice to all other parties who may have possession, or part possession, or concurrent or conflicting claims upon the property, so that they may appear and protect their interests; or, if infants or married women, so that the Court may appoint guardians for them, and adjudge and estimate their interests, as it estimates dower and other interests in partition suits, and order an equivalent sum to be paid in discharge of them. There is no need, on the one hand, of any species of fraudulent "out-off," whereby a decree for a title can be obtained without notice to any of the parties concerned. Instead of such a law being an aid to the ready transfer of real estate, or a help to borrowers on mortgage, it would completely block up the whole business. No money lender or purchaser, when asked to accept such a decree as his all-sufficient proof of a valid title, would answer, that a title obtained without notice to anybody could be taken away without notice to anybody. If formed habits were not more powerful in obtaining the license in favor of A. to borrower, he might not himself be noticed when B should obtain a decree for the same property, and upon it borrow money from C. If the rights of infants and married women were cut off without relief by his decree, then might his own widow and children be cut off in case of his death, without notice and under the same law. All those "universal patent cut-off" bills, therefore, are naked robberies. Instead of quieting titles, they will only add to the trouble already existing a new source of inextricable confusion.

Notice should be served personally on tenants in actual possession, and on all known owners or interested parties residing in this State, and on all non-residents by publishing and mailing copy, if their Post Office address is known. And let the petition set forth the facts of ownership so fully that the Court may see that all proper parties have been served. The plan proposed in some bills, of having one suit for the whole country instituted by the State Attorney, and having everybody come in and defend on no other notice than a proclamation of the Governor of Illinois, is wild and impracticable.

This is a matter in which the honor as well as the interests of our city are largely at stake. Those who know how much discredit has been cast on the Courts of Illinois and Indiana for rendering judgments *ex-parte* in divorce and other proceedings, in conformity with carelessly-enacted statutes, but in violation of the most sacred rights and interests, will properly guard against such outrages in the future.

THE REMONSTRANTS.

We have published the explanation made by the various Chicago firms whose names were attached to the remonstrance against the Chicago Relief bill, presented in the Senate by Mr. Ferry. They disclaimed any particular opposition to the bill, saying that their memorial had been misunderstood and misrepresented. We published this statement because we did not wish to do any injustice to any person. We have now received a copy of Mr. Ferry's speech, in which he stated that he had voted for the bill on its first passage, but had since been satisfied, from the information he had received, that the bill was wrong. He read the remonstrances adopted by commercial organizations in Milwaukee, St. Louis, and Cincinnati; referred to the protests of the lumbermen of Michigan; and then said that he had additional objections from Chicago. These latter were:

1. A memorial from a meeting of manufacturers of Chicago.

2. A letter from Mr. C. F. Gates, Chairman of that meeting.

3. "A formal protest from Chicago against the passage of this bill, signed by men representing some of the largest business firms and associations in that city. It is signed by E. W. Blatchford & Co.; Atkins & Berger, Vulcan Iron Works; Cutler, Savidge & Co.; Daniel B. Shipman, white lead works; Heath & Milligan; J. F. Warren & Co.; the Hydraulic Lead and Oil Company; Wright, Lowther & Co.; Walker, Ousley & Co.; and T. K. Holden, Phœnix Iron Works."

Mr. Ferry did not read this "formal protest," and, consequently, we cannot know its terms; but he did have read the memorial of the meeting of manufacturers, which he introduced as follows:

To show that Michigan is not alone in opposition to this method of relief, I will send to the desk and ask to have read a memorial of the manufacturers of the city itself.

The Chief Clerk read as follows:

Memorial of Chicago manufacturers to the Congress of the United States against especial oppression in the matter of the so-called Chicago Relief bill.

These memorialists, who are manufacturers of the city of Chicago, respectfully represent to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, that they have been informed and fear that there is pending before Congress a bill for the temporary remission of import duties on building materials may be construed to extend not merely to raw materials, but also to all manufactures of iron, tin, lead, wood, and the like that may be required in the rebuilding of the city.

That if such a bill should become a law, and should have the extent above supposed, it would be a direct and serious injury to the manufacturing interests of Chicago, and for that reason an additional calamity to the city at large.

That the manufacturing interests of Chicago are in the highest degree important to the present welfare of her people, from the fact that thousands of families are supported, fed and clothed by the proceeds of the employment which those interests afford.

That the manufacturers of Chicago are in like degree important to the whole financial credit, and to the welfare of the entire Northwest; and that the city can more easily recover from the effects of the great fire than else could from the destruction of her manufacturers.

That many Chicago manufacturers are real [illegible] whose factories, if built up, would be burned destitute, so called, as those who were totally overthrown in it, have suffered; that moneys, credits, business, property, and otherwise; and that a large number of such manufacturers would be unable to resume business under the burdens of such a bill.

That any law which would single out the manufacturers of Chicago, especially in their present oppressed condition, as the subject of an experiment in free trade, would be grossly unjust, and lead to many disastrous results.

That among such results would be the following: A large reduction of the wages on which so many families depend for their support; the stoppage in cases in suspension of the employment altogether; also, the payment of large amounts of capital to foreign manufacturers which would otherwise be kept in circulation here; also a very great diminution in the quantity of tax-paying products that would be offered in the market, and the consequent [illegible] of the manufacturers of this city in a worse position than that of any other manufacturers of the country.

That these memorialists would be glad to have the largest measure of relief, consistent with the general good, extended to the sufferers by the great fire, but that they limit to class or section; but these memorialists protest against any measures which would benefit one class of the sufferers by the oppression of others.

That in the nature of things the proposed relief will be in a great degree monopolized by large land-owners and wealthy capitalists, jobbers and speculators of this and other sections of the country.

That the manufacturers of Chicago have or can readily secure all the necessary facilities to supply the demand for the articles above enumerated; and that a large increase of their operations from an extraordinary demand for their products would of itself be a great and admirable aid to the suffering people of Chicago, by furnishing abundant employment to the laboring classes at remunerative prices.

Wherefore these memorialists pray, that only such measures of relief for the benefit of Chicago may be allowed to become laws as shall be free from the objections above set forth.

C. F. GATES,
Chairman of a Meeting of Manufacturers.
CHICAGO, Jan. 25.

It is well to state that Mr. C. F. Gates, who signed that memorial as Chairman of the Chicago Manufacturers' Meeting, is a member of the firm of E. W. Blatchford & Co., and from this fact we may gather an idea of the contents of what Mr. Ferry said was the "formal protest" of that and other firms against the bill. Mr. Gates, whose works were uninjured by the fire, also wrote a personal letter, the contents of which Mr. Ferry thus stated:

I have a letter from the Chairman of the meeting of manufacturers in that city, who says he is interested in the manufacture of different articles of lumber, and to the construction of buildings, but if this bill *passes he must stop their manufacture.* Thus you see, in an attempt to benefit Chicago, you are inflicting a blow at its own manufactures. *This gentleman states it will be a greater calamity to the city than the fire itself; that the city can better recover from the fire than from the destruction of its manufactures.*

Here is this gentleman advertising to the country that the firm of E. W. Blatchford & Co., of Chicago, makes lead pipe, sheet lead, and raw and boiled linseed oil, and that, if Congress shall permit the unfortunate sufferers of the *burnt district* to buy their lead pipe and their linseed oil with which to mix their paints, without tax, "he [Mr. Gates] will have to stop their manufacture." The fire was a dreadful calamity; it destroyed 20,000 buildings; it rendered homeless 100,000 persons; it consumed $200,000,000 of the property of our people upon which they had already paid taxes; but Mr. Gates, speaking for the firm of E. W. Blatchford & Co., and as Chairman of the Manufacturers of Chicago, declares to the Senate and House of Representatives, and to the American people, that to outlit for one year the tax of 30 cents a gallon on linseed oil and the tax on lead pipe, would be "a greater calamity to the city than the fire itself;" and that the city can "better recover from the fire" than it can from the suspension of the tax on linseed oil! The people of Chicago, who are striving by every known means to rebuild their stores, dwellings, and workshops, will keenly feel the calamity with which they are threatened; they will tearfully comprehend that, if they mix their paints with untaxed linseed oil, and use lead pipe which has not been taxed, Mr. Gates will quit business, retire, perhaps, to Geneva, or move his lead and oil works to Beaver Dam, and leave Chicago without an inch of pipe or a drop of oil. Poor, unfortunate Chicago!

No names are attached to the memorial except that of Mr. Gates, but the character of that memorial is expressed in its caption, wherein it protests "against especial oppression" in the so-called Chicago Relief bill. This memorial shows that its authors correctly understood the bill as a "temporary remission of duties on building materials." This it pronounces an additional calamity to Chicago. It will be remembered that this remission of duties is confined to materials used in rebuilding the burnt district. It in no wise affects the prices of materials sold by Mr. Gates to any other part of Chicago or of the country. It is to meet an unforeseen and extraordinary destruction. Yet Mr. Gates, as Chairman of that meeting, represents that, if this bill passes, they (Gates and those for whom he speaks) will have to make a "large reduction of wages on which so many families depend for support;" that in some cases they will have to discharge their workmen; and that it will stop manufactures in the city! As the passage of this bill will leave the Chicago manufacturers, in respect of future business, *in the precise condition they would have been in had there been no fire,* this memorial of Mr. Gates represents them as on the eve of a general suspension, and that this bill interposes to rob them of the wealth sent to them in their distress by Providence on the 8th and 9th of October. Along the coasts of almost every country there is a population which lives and thrives by the spoil of vessels wrecked by the storms. A memorial from these wreckers, whose harvest is in the desolation and ruin of others, against any interference with their business, could not be more appropriately worded than in the language now spread upon the public records, of the memorial signed by C. F. Gates in the name of the Chicago manufacturers. We do not believe that Mr. Gates in that memorial fairly represented the views of the manufacturers of Chicago. We do not believe there is a respectable manufacturer in this city who proposes to stop work, discharge his hands, or reduce their wages, because Congress says they may have paints, bricks, glass, lumber, and nails without tax, to replace the same articles on which they had already paid the tax. We do not believe that the manufacturers of Chicago rely on the fire to preserve them from bankruptcy, or that their business is so precarious and unsubstantial that they must be supported by contributions levied on the homeless and distressed.

TAX ON BUILDING MATERIALS.

The amendment of the Senate Finance Committee proposes to limit the remission of duties on building materials to slate, brick, building-stone, lime, cement, glass, marble, timber, lumber, hewn or sawed, boards in the rough, lath, clapboards, shingles, cut nails, and iron especially made and fitted for the construction of buildings. This list comes far short of being a complete enumeration of the various articles needed as building materials. The following is a list of the principal articles generally classed under the head of building materials, with the rates of duty in gold on each article:

Articles.	*Specific tax.*	*Percentage ad valorem*
Asphaltum		20
Brass		35
Brass manufactures		35
Brick and tiles		20
Encaustic tiles for floors		35
Cement		20
Lime		20
Clay, fire	$5.00 per ton.	
Copper, plates, bars, &c.	05 per lb.	23½
Rolled plates, sheets, and pipes		35
Paint for roofing		20
Glass, com. window, under 10x15	01½ per lb.	40
over 10x15	02	57
over 16x24	02½	63
over 24x30	03	52
Crown, polished, under 10x15	03½ per sq. ft.	60
over 10x15	04	114
over 16x24	06	114
over 24x30	20	40
Cast polished plate, under 16x18	03	41
over 16x18	04	35
over 24x30	05	30
over 24x60	20	30
Gypsum, ground	$7.00 per ton	41
Iron, pig	01 per lb	50
Bar	01½ per lb	50
Wrought hinges	02½	62
Cut nails and spikes	01½	62
Screws, for wood	03	63
Wrought, steam, gas and water tubes	03½	35
Cast bath and stove	02½	53
Cast iron pipes, &c.	01½	67
Manufactured iron		35
Steel, manufactures of		45
Lead, in pigs and sheets	02½	56½
Marble, granite and rough		72
Sawed, dressed, or polished slabs &c.		111 @ 148
Oil, linseed	30 per gal	45
Paints, linseed	05 per lb	51½
Whiting and Paris white	01	211
Putty	01½	70
Paper hangings		35
Slate roofing		35
Tar		20
Lumber of all kinds		20
Zinc, spelter, &c.	02½ per lb	42

Unless the telegraphic statement of the bill is incomplete, the remission of duties on iron amounts to very little.

This process of enumerating the items to be admitted free, will, however, as was explained in this paper yesterday, end in a protracted struggle between contending interests, in which the hopes and interests of sufferers by the fire will be forgotten and crushed.

The eight Police Sergeants who have been called upon by the Commissioners to resign on account of incompetency and inefficiency, it is rumored, will contest the action of the Commissioners, and in the meantime the Commissioners will wait the final passage of the bill now pending in the Legislature which settles the question of appeal from their decisions. Under the old law, firemen and policemen had the right of appeal to the Circuit Court, but the new law makes the decision of the Commissioners final. If the new law shall succeed in weeding out the incompetents from the Fire and Police Departments, we trust there will be no unnecessary delay in passing it with an emergency clause attached. The old law has saddled us with a small army of this class who cannot be got rid of, because no special charge can be brought against them. Let us have the new law at once, or any law which will enable us to get rid of them.

The debate in the Senate on the Chicago Relief bill, on the day when the vote was reconsidered, fills five pages in the *Globe*. The principal speech against the bill was made by Senator Ferry, of Michigan, the burden of whose song was, that the bill was a measure to rebuild Chicago at the expense and general ruin of manufacturers and lumbermen. That is to say, if the burnt district should be restored by the fiat of Omnipotence to the very condition it was in on the 7th of October last, the lumbermen and manufacturers would be terrible losers thereby, if not totally ruined. We confess that we have never read in the columns of the *Globe* a more ludicrous *non sequitur* than Mr. Ferry's so-called argument. Mr. Ferry said that his sympathies, however, were with the people of Chicago,—but his sympathies were overborne by his duties to the art of logic!

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The House Revenue bill in the Illinois Legislature, known as Mr. Short's bill, seems to us, as amended, decidedly better than the Senate bill, and we hope it may pass. The amendment adopted, in regard to deductions of debts, reads as follows: "All persons, firms, and corporations listing personal or chattel property, moneys, and credits for taxation, under the provisions of this act, may deduct from the value thereof the amount of all *bona fide* debts owing by them."

The heart of Malthus would be relieved could he hear the statistics with which Dr. J. M. Toner, of Washington, is seeking to put to shame the women of America. From this peculiar table, it appears that the number of children born to each one thousand white females has steadily decreased since 1800. This fact has been often used as a reproach to New England, but it applies equally well to any other section of the country. In 1800, there were in Massachusetts twenty-two children to every ten women; in 1850, eleven to ten. In Virginia, in 1800, ten women averaged twenty-six children; in 1850, they averaged seventeen. From these and similar statistics, various ingubrious conclusions about the dying out of the race have been drawn. The steady decrease in the number of the average family is not, however, an exceedingly mournful fact, except to those who regard the whole duty of woman as summed up in the one text, "Increase and multiply." It is easy to see, from the reports of the Commissioner of Education, that we are not caring for all our children now: and, as long as this is so, it is difficult to see why any great increase in their number would be beneficial.

British Rule in India.

While the civilized world is indignant at the assassination of Earl Mayo, the British Viceroy in India, there is a seemingly well-founded impression that the act has a deep political significance, and that it was not wholly an act of personal malice and vindictiveness. Great Britain, about 280 years ago, obtained her first footing in India, and has been ever since extending her power. The country had been, for many centuries, under Mohammedan rule, and, though these fierce people have been compelled to submit to superior force, they have never abandoned the hope of recovering their authority. Fifteen years ago, the revolt which, for a time, threatened British dominion, was crushed, as Great Britain supposed, finally. The population of India is stated at 130,000,000, of which the Mohammedans are by far the more active and intelligent portion. Two years ago, there was a concerted rising in different places, but it was promptly suppressed. There has, however, for nearly a century, been in active operation a religious organization of Mohammedans, a fundamental part of whose doctrine is the supremacy of their religion. The attention of the British Government has long since been drawn to this organization, and, as late as December last, the London *Times* discussed the perils which threatened the British rule in India. A letter from India, published in that paper, said:

All who know India will endorse the opinion that "with the exception of a few easy-going (Mohammedan) officials, the feeling is one of covert disaffection and rebellion," and that in the case of a Wahabee outbreak we could not rely on general Mohammedan loyalty. Let the cry "Deen, Deen!" be raised, no matter by Wahabee or other Mohammedan party, and all Mohammedans will band together against us. Meantime, a man like Lakhat Ali, the arch-fiend of Delhi, can reside safely and propagate sedition for years, notwithstanding the price on his head, within a short distance of Bombay; can obtain money from a distance and communicate freely with all parts of India, and can direct the plots which are grounds for believing he did; the actions of Wahabee fanatics like Abdoollah, poor Norman's murderer. Even now there is a general movement among the Wahabees, not confined to any one province or group of districts, but extending throughout India. * * * Printed copies of a kind of proclamation, purporting to have been issued from Mecca, have within the last few months been circulated throughout Hindostan, and in very many instances have been affixed to the doors of the mosques. There can be no question but that the object of these is other than I am to interpret it, but this much is certain, that, without preaching insurrection, it warns true believers to be ready for the opportunity, which next year will give them, when certain unusual events in the West will spread dismay and ruin among the infidels. This prophecy, declared to emanate from the Prophet himself, and to have been communicated to a celebrated Moulvie residing at his tomb, has undoubtedly had considerable effect.

All accounts agree that the disaffected preachers are welcomed by the people, and that they pass in safety through all parts of the Empire. No one informs upon them, and they are regarded as the representatives of a power which, though it has to fly to the people generally. These preachers can safely rely upon the populace as a body guard; and it is held that, with the exception of a few easy-going Government officials, the general feeling of the Mohammedans is one of covert disaffection and rebellion.

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For some years, our Agricultural and Horticultural Fairs have consisted mainly of horse races, with one or two side-shows in the shape of exhibitions of the produce of garden and farm. Fortunately, the folly of this is beginning to be seen. The meetings of the various Rural Associations have of late given an opportunity for the expression of many forcible opinions on the subject. A few days since, a Horticultural Society met at Minneapolis, and listened to an address on "the Danger of the Fast Horse." From this remarkable production, we learn that the "fast horse within a short distance of Boston" can obtain money from a distance and communicate freely with all parts of India, and can direct the plots which are grounds for believing he did; the actions of Wahabee fanatics like Abdoollah, poor Norman's murderer. Even now there is a general movement among the Wahabees, not confined to any one province or group of districts, but extending throughout India. * * * Printed copies of a kind of proclamation, purporting to have been issued from Mecca, have within the last few months been circulated throughout Hindostan, and in very many instances have been affixed to the doors of the mosques. There can be no question but that the object of these is other than I am to interpret it, but this much is certain, that, without preaching insurrection, it warns true believers to be ready for the opportunity, which next year will give them, when certain unusual events in the West will spread dismay and ruin among the infidels. This prophecy, declared to emanate from the Prophet himself, and to have been communicated to a celebrated Moulvie residing at his tomb, has undoubtedly had considerable effect.

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The Council of Political Reform in New York has published some remarkable statistics in regard to the disposition of the moneys given to charitable institutions by the State and City. In the city, 72 sectarian schools receive $688,984. Of this sum, $641,453 is distributed among 55 Roman Catholic institutions. In the remainder of the State, 116 denominational schools receive public aid to the aggregate amount of $925,284, of which six of these are under Catholic control, and they receive $246,222. In view of these facts, the outcry of the Irish Catholics against the public-school system seems singularly ill-founded. Whatever they may believe theoretically, they practically recognize the right of the State to support what schools it will. It has been claimed that the larger amount voted to Catholic institutions was only in just proportion to their heavier expenses; but the claim is unfounded, if the figures of the Council of Municipal Reform have figures of the Council of Municipal Reform have [illegible] in regard to the measure discussed. The Convention was called as this is called, and a Convention which organized itself upon a basis of fraud could not expect to make any decided progress in advancing the cause of Christianity. Before the Christian Convention, therefore, takes any more steps toward enforcing additional recognition of Christianity in the National Constitution, would it not be well to insert a clause in its new Constitution recognizing common honesty?

The *Journal* is logical—fearfully and wonderfully logical; it is also witty. For instance, it has discovered that a Representative whose name is Short has introduced a bill which is long—a discovery which, of itself, is glory enough for one day. But the *Journal*, with all its accomplishments, is not mathematical. It insisted, a few days ago, that the area from which Secretary Boutwell would remove the Post Offices was "twenty-five blocks square;" and now in this Congress that the area burned over by the Chicago fire is "*twenty-six thousand acres*," or some what over forty square miles, of which "*several miles square* must be rebuilt at once." We are in favor of all fair arguments to induce Congress to be fair to our burnt-out people, but are afraid "26,000 acres" is a leap too large a story to be swallowed by intelligent members.

As Mr. Gladstone entertained Minister Schenck at dinner on Saturday last, we may presume that the *entente cordiale* is in no immediate danger of disturbance, and that the great international flurry after all was only a tempest in a teapot. A dinner always inspires cordiality, good will, and mutual esteem; and we imagine that as the Premier and the Minister picked their walnuts after dinner, there was no thought of any claim more direct or indirect than the claim for the expense of the dinner.

The Woodhull Revolution.

Victoria C. Woodhull, somewhat notoriously known as an advocate of female suffrage and free love, created the sensation in Boston last night to obtain the one and practice the other by legal authority, has now decided to swing round the circle after the manner of that illustrious statesman, Andy Johnson, and obtain her rights by appealing to the people. In her own words, she is going to begin a revolution, and stump every State from Maine to California to accomplish her ends. It will be remembered that the leaders of the female rights movement have been very successful of late in their appeals to the constituted authorities; and that the tumultuous violence with which they made their raid upon the Senate Judiciary Committee at Washington upset all their hopes of accomplishing their purposes by Constitutional Amendment. The State Legislatures and the Courts have been equally unpatient, and that ends their career, the Territory of Wyoming, whose palms and dates and living springs they saw from afar across the arid sands, has proved but a mirage, mocking their hopes and disappointing their anticipations with its airy illusions. Under this combination of adverse circumstances, the leaders of the movement, like Colonel Forney, have shouted a halt, and they now rest for a time with torn banners and broken columns. Only one of their number, sealed with the seal of Theodore Tilton and emboldened with the effrontery of free-love affinities, has refused to obey the summons. She has declared her purpose to take the stump for the ballot and free-love, notwithstanding the fact that Matt. Carpenter has promised to obtain her rights for her through the Republican party, and another Congressman has promised to bridge the matter over for a year or two, and then everything will be all right. She evidently puts no faith in manly promises, nor in the ability of Mr. Carpenter to hand over the Republican party.

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Another case of criminal poisoning has come to light,—this time in Kentucky. Catharine Mellor, a beautiful German girl, lived as a servant in the family of Mr. Sharp, at Rockport. Two years after she came into the family, Mrs. Sharp died very suddenly, and in a short time Catharine Melchior became Catharine Sharp, having in the meantime been sharp enough to secure a deed to her of Mr. S.'s farm and other property. After a year of married life, Sharp suddenly died, and the young widow was then married to Mr. Rachelman, who, after three years of married life, went the way of his predecessor. Any further victims on the shrine of Melchior-Sharp-Batchelder were prevented by the neighbors, whose suspicions led them to disinter the bodies. Upon an examination of them, poison was found, and the Kentucky Borgia now awaits trial.

Since the recent meeting of the Convention at Cincinnati to promote a Christian amendment to the Constitution, it turns out that nearly all the prominent names signed to the call were used without consent. Governor Jewell, of Connecticut, and Governor Washburn, of Massachusetts, in answer to letters of inquiry, have both declared that not only were they not consulted in regard to the matter, but no steps were taken to find out their sentiments in regard to the measure discussed. The Convention, as a matter of fact, was a packed affair, and a Convention which organized itself upon a basis of fraud could not expect to make any decided progress in advancing the cause of Christianity. Before the Christian Convention, therefore, takes any more steps toward enforcing additional recognition of Christianity in the National Constitution, would it not be well to insert a clause in its new Constitution recognizing common honesty?

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PERSONAL.

Yung Wing, a Chinaman who graduated at Yale in 1854, writes that he will bring thirty of his countrymen to that college.

—Mary Harris, who shot Burroughs, of the Treasury Department, Washington, some years ago, has become a raving maniac.

—N. E. Curtis, formerly the leading banker of Peoria, Ill., has been for some weeks under treatment, at Hartford, Conn., for insanity, caused by nottoriety of the brain. On one occasion he was tendered the Presidency of a prominent bank in New York, at a salary of $10,000 per annum.

—Noble R. Hayes, who died of apoplexy at Nodaway, Mo., Feb. 14, was buried at Omaha, by the Knights Templars, on Sunday. He was a native of Vermont, resided near Chicago for twelve years, and removed to Omaha fourteen years since. He leaves one son, Charles, and two daughters—Mrs. George B. Gale, and Mrs. Milton A. Barlow.

—During his recent visit to Spain, General Sherman paid a visit to the Escurial, took a seat in the historic chair of Philip, and held in his hands the dirty folding board on which Philip signed the treaty of The Hague.

—A West Rutland sculptor has chiseled a bust of H. W. Beecher from Vermont marble, and it is said to be an excellent likeness.

—Professor Cyprian Wilcox, a son of the Hon. Cyprian Wilcox, of New Haven, and a graduate of Yale, has been appointed Professor of Modern Languages in the University of Georgia, at Atlanta.

—The Waltonian Club, composed of twenty-five prominent citizens of New Haven, has stocked a number of small streams in the vicinity of New Haven and North Branford with trout and other fish, and erected a house with a hatching capacity of 300,000 fish. Henry D. White is President of the Club.

—Henry C. Bowen, of the New York *Independent*, has been robbed in a Washington street-car of an $800 solitaire diamond pin.

—Mr. D. J. Runyon, of Georgetown, Col., is organizing an exploring and prospecting party to search for gold the coming summer in Southwestern Colorado and Northern and Eastern Arizona. He is a type of the gold-hunter, and has had ample experience.

—After the performances of the marriage of Mr. C. W. White and Miss M. Jennie Brush, of Austin, Texas, the Rev. Mr. Regan extended to the bride her father's blessing, and presented her from him with a check for $10,000.

—After a lingering illness, Colonel G. C. Torbett, of Nashville, Tenn., expired at his residence, on that city, last Wednesday, in the 62d year of his age. He was born in East Tennessee, served several years in the Legislature, was long connected with the *American*, and afterward with the *Union and American*, filled the office of State Treasurer in 1855-6, and in 1861 was elected President of the Bank of Tennessee.

—Norfolk has a haunted house, where they attribute the wonderful phenomena to electricity. There is a boy in the case, who has so much of the fluid in his system that he will send a shock through a string of men, similar to that from a magnetic battery.

—Judge Morris has brought a suit against the town of East Haven, Conn., to recover $7,500 for the drowning of Mr. Linsun, and $7,500 for the drowning of his daughter, last fall, in the Quinnipiac River, by driving off Lewis' bridge.

—The late Daniel Merrill is reported to have left his entire fortune to Trinity Church, New Haven, subject to a few conditions. One is, that his wife is to have a life interest in it, and another gives the entire property to his son, who will come into it some twelve years, should he ever appear. Mr. Merrill died a few days since, and the property is estimated to be quite a large one.

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Hints and Information Obtained.

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When the Mayor left the Court he was loudly cheered. It is understood that the case will go on next Monday, whatever Judge may sit to hear it.

INSURANCE DIVIDENDS.

The Receivers of the Washington, Lorillard, Peace, and New American Insurance Companies are ready to pay to the creditors dividends, if not interfered with in bankruptcy.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

It is reported that Archbishop McCloskey has suggested that the Irish societies discontinue their processions in celebrating St. Patrick's day.

A MAN MISSING.

James Remington, a conductor on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad, from the Fifth Avenue Hotel with his wife on Wednesday, and on Friday stated to his wife that he was going to Albany to collect money, and has not been heard from since.

A CHILD MURDERED.

At Newark, N. J., an unnamed mother cut the throat of her babe shortly after its birth. The murdered infant had been secreted.

Authority has been received from the Treasury Department for an investigation into the affairs of the exploded English National Bank of this city.

THE ACCURED JUDGES.

The Committee charged with the investigation of the alleged abuses in the New York judiciary organized to-day, and transacted the following business: Counsel for the Association was approved with, certain charges against Judges Barnard and Cardozo. The Judiciary Committee decided to call the Managers specific. They were therefore returned to the counsel of the Bar as ordered with orders to make accusations sufficiently specific. Charges were also presented

Arrest of a Forger in Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 19.—A man giving the name of T. A. Millard was arrested late last night, at the Willard Hotel, by Detectives David and Hall, and Deputy Sheriff Lee, charged with forgery. Millard has been here about a week, pretending to have lately resigned as Chief Engineer of the Memphis & Ohio Railroad, and, in connection as being Chief Engineer of another railroad, and advertised in the papers for proposals for delivering 50 cords of wood to his room. He drew on the Third National Bank of Philadelphia, receiving $22 in change; also a check on Jay Cooke & Co., Philadelphia, payable to Jay Cooke, several other checks on different banks, and a number of other similar checks are believed to have been passed, and have not yet come to light. Telegrams received from the banks revealed the swindle, and Millard was arrested and held in $1,000 bail before the City Court, to-day, in default of which he was lodged in jail. A set of surgical tools was found in his trunk, and letters addressed to Dr. J. S. Miller. He had a woman named Mary E. Read-man as a sister at the hotel, and as a wife to other parties.

War Department Weather Prognostics.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The barometer will probably fall on Tuesday throughout the Mississippi Valley, with increasing southerly winds and threatening weather, the lowest pressure moving northeast toward Illinois. The highest barometer will remain over the Middle and Eastern States, with partially cloudy and pleasant weather. The barometer in Florida will move northeast, keeping some distance off the Atlantic coast, with increasing northeast winds, threatening weather, ending in southerly winds, pleasant weather will prevail in the Western Gulf coast.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Ice Jam in the Mississippi.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 19.—There are some thirty steamers, about thirty barges, a dozen ferry tugs and two boats, and nine large wharf boats, lying between the bridge piers and arsenal, but the apprehension of danger is very much lessened since the ice in the Illinois River has begun to break up. The steamers are valued at $1,000,000; the barges at $40,000; the tugs, towboats, ferries, wharf boats, etc., $435,000; the cargoes $200,000. Total, $1,675,000.

South Carolina Republican State Convention.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 19.—The Republican State Convention met to-day. F. J. Moses, Speaker of the House of Representatives, was elected temporary Chairman. After a long session, during which the two factions of the party at this place were united, but the men in the State Central Council were unfaithful to their trusts. The delegates to the Cincinnati Convention that he had listened too long to a certain Senator from this State.

Yes to tickets for delegates are in the field.

A printed letter from Attorney General Chamberlain encandling the renomination of President Grant was circulated in the Convention.

Telegraphic Brevities.

The Kansas Republican State Convention meets at Topeka to-morrow.

—The late fire at Bethel, Ct., was the largest ever occurring in that State, the loss being over $200,000.

—Advices from Lawrenceburg and Madison report all the gorges broken and the Ohio above full of floating ice between Cincinnati and Louisville.

—In the Pittsburgh breach of promise case, Mrs. Van Kirk re. vs. Johnson the jury this morning rendered a verdict for $2,100. Both parties appear to be satisfied.

—The whiskey ring cases in Baltimore were suddenly terminated in the United States Court yesterday, District Attorney commending to a *nolle prosequi*, the chief witnesses having stated their intention of repudiating everything pertaining to the ring.

—The Deal party left for Pensacola to night. They go thence by the Russian *Ajax* to Havana, where they will make preparations and a formal reception.

—The broken bridge at the Big Muddy, which has caused a temporary interruption of the Illinois Central Railroad during the past few days, is repaired, and trains are now running through on time.

—A telegram from Mobile, Ala., announces the giving away of the middle tendon in one of the fore feet of the famous race-horse Lexington, thereby permanently disabling him for racing purposes.

—The officers of the Memphis & Little Rock and Fort Smith Railroads are in consultation at Memphis for consolidating their roads. They have agreed upon all the material points of consolidation.

—Hon. Sol. M. Towne, aged 92, died in Charlestown, Mass., on Saturday last. He served several times in the State Legislature, was Colonel in the war of 1812, and was afterward Major General of the State militia. He was widely known as the author of "Towne's Spelling."

—In Lowell, Mass., on Sunday evening, Charles E. Kimball, aged 19, was shot through the wrist and right lung by Charles A. Watts, aged 16. The shooting was done in the street, just after Kimball had escorted a young lady to her home who had previously discarded Watts. Kimball may survive. Watts was arrested.

—The small-pox is becoming alarming in Peoria, and the authorities have closed the schools for one week, hoping by that precautionary measure to check its course. The cases thus far, with very few exceptions, have been confined to the lower part of the city, which is badly inhabited by the lower classes of Germans and Irish.

—At Bowerstown, Ohio, on Sunday, a desperate Young man named George Clark, living in that village, got into a fight with a man named Hibrew snow at him. The ball passed through her right thigh, just below the hip joint, and thence nearly through her left thigh. Clark was arrested.

—A barn belonging to William Freeman, living about two miles from Lexington, Ky., was burned on Saturday evening, together with nineteen head of cattle, six horses and, a large stock of farming utensils. One fire was caused by the explosion of a "non-explosive" lantern. The estimated loss is $5,000; insured in a home company.

—On Saturday evening last, Mr. A. Morrow, of Richmond, Ind., entered the rear of his grocery store to clean out a can of benzoline, a highly inflammable oil, when the gas ignited from a lighted candle in his hand, and an explosion instantly followed, shattering the brick walls of the building and seriously burning Mr. Morrow. The blazing contents of several oil barrels ran into the basement of the store adjoining. Flames were soon extinguished, however, the loss being principally by water.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE FOSTILION OF LONJUMEAU.

After a week of uninterrupted rest and recreation, devoted assiduously to the repair of the ravages caused by Chicago's fickle temperature, Wachtel last evening made his second appearance before an audience in size only limited by the capacity of the theatre to contain people. A rich treat had been anticipated in "The Postilion," which is so admirably calculated to display to advantage Wachtel's marked individuality as a vocalism, as well as to afford scope for dramatic qualifications. This opera is a favorite in Chicago, although our only idea of it has been derived from the English version, which may be believed to have been shorn of many of the sprightly turns in dialogue with which the original libretto abounds. The music and plot correspond exquisitely in coloring, both being light, sparkling and crisp. While the orchestration is neither intricate nor unmeaning, it is very brilliant and beautiful, and the choruses are models of the lighter grade of massed melody. The leading *roles* are uniformly captivating in their musical ingredients—neither too florid, nor yet severely classic. Of course we never knew who and what *Chapelou* was until Wachtel set the pattern. It is his great *role*, so far as his *repertoire* has been developed in America, and certainly it would be interesting to be informed which of his assumptions, if, say, is considered superior to it. It might be imagined that the part was created for him. He is the position, or, at least, he so closely identifies himself with the essence of the character as to leave Wachtel out of the question at times—an achievement rare enough on the lyric stage. More than those of any other lyric singer whom America has heard, his full, round, ringing tenor and magnificent voice and method are peculiarly adapted to the musical requirements of the *role*; while his superb dramatic presence and fine acting completely fill the dramatic demands. In him nothing is left to be desired. That finer *ensemble* could hardly be had for the money in the way of rendition,—a combination of qualities rarely embodied in an individual.

Wachtel had an excellent voice last evening. Perhaps not so fresh and capable as when he rang out the *de quella pira* in "Trovatore," and fairly drove the audience wild with enthusiasm, but with a trifle tender of the highest register, and somewhat disposed to occasionally substitute a skillfully produced falsetto for the legitimate tone. Nevertheless, he was in a condition so closely bordering on entire recovery, that, but for the broad and wonderful fact of his previous illness, he would scarcely have been suspected. Only once he attacked his renowned altitude, sustaining the high pungent note without a flaw, and failing to throw into it the wondrous breadth and volume which characterized his first effort in that direction, and which elicited such applause, which showed that the somewhat cautious tenderness of the present occasion had fallen to his lot in Chicago, had not deprived him of the firm hold which his artistic merits had previously succeeded in persuading the rather disagreeable *Muppy*. The chief of the remaining parts were cast as follows: *Chapelou*, Orgilon, Fred. Rock; *Babbini*, saloon keeper, Padgett; *Jenkins*, Everham; *Lauger Grim*, Maynard. The chorus and orchestra were unusually effective, and the finale parts of the piece were sufficiently well done to please the audience.

The "Germania" Hermet, like wine, improves with age. As for the songs, they were those of which the public never seem to tire, with some of the choruses of which Mr. PATRICK'S experience has suggested to the comedian.

"Fritz" will be continued on the boards until further notice, with a matinee this afternoon "Uncle Tom's Cabin" will be brought out, with the entire strength of the Company.

WEST SIDE OPERA HOUSE.

The Arlington Minstrels were to-day greeted with a large audience at the West Side Opera House last evening. The continued indisposition of Ben Cotten, deprived the pleasure-seekers of that versatile actor's laughter-provoking powers, but his place was admirably filled by the genial Sam Price. The vocal and instrumental part of the programme were, as usual, good, but the dialogue was not as *recherche* as it might be. "Cheminus," in his new record of song and dance business brought several hearty encores. The general company were tremendously applauded in the Afrikan Travesty of Sunday last, "East Lynne in Black." The latter rich burlesque promises to have a long run, as it is one of the raciest specimens of minstrel humor that has ever been put upon the boards. Kemble has in preparation a comedy illustrative of Bret Harte's "Heathen Chinee."

THE GLOBE.

An erroneous announcement concerning the programme at the Globe appeared in our Sunday issue. There will be no performances on the nights left vacant by the opera.

We give place to the annexed card from Mr. de Vivo, without comment, excepting to concur in his statement concerning the Parepa-Wachtel entertainment in New York, which was not advertised in any of the New York dailies as being for the benefit of Chicago:

To the Editor of The Chicago Tribune:

SIR: It is contrary to my habit and my desire to come before the public in a newspaper controversy, but am compelled to do so now in order to defend my self against the large number of gross misstatements which have appeared in the Chicago papers published in your columns yesterday, dated Madison, Ind., and signed by a so-called parrot refused to sing in Chicago unless I put my name to it. Here is the conclusive reason that Mr. Wachtel has nothing whatever to do with it. Mr. Wachtel has signed both these things being entirely left to the management. It is true Mr. Wachtel was to have spoken December when reserved seats were $1, $1.50, etc., but you will readily see the difference when I state that in Madison the entertainment was a concert with but four artists to pay, while at present we have fifty-nine artists under pay. The statement, as to New York prices is false, as at the Stadt Theatre the prices ranged from $1 down to 50 cents. Further, I never was engaged to sing at the concert of the academy of Music, New York, for the benefit of the Chicago sufferers, and none of the New York papers will fail to show that any such announcement or pretence was made for that object. Finally, I have been at a great deal of trouble and enormous expenditure, and which, as we had the greatest success in the English cities we played in, I hoped to bear, but the management $1,000, which will probably be accepted as a suitable explanation of the fact that I am not singing in Chicago for the benefit of the sufferers by the late conflagration. Chicago from the proceeds of their entertainment. I regret this, but I am sure Chicago will kindly take a lenient view of the circumstances, and when I am ready in Chicago would be like robbing the people, etc.; need only repeat what is said above. Mr. Wachtel has never been a week to say in the position of either places or prices; and, further more, Mr. Strakosch himself has never reported such a remark. I never have been made by Mr. Wachtel